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Attached is an Amendment for 09/742,171. A version of this Amendment was faxed last night. However, that version was not accompanied by the requisite petition for extension and time and required fee. The version faxed today is accompanied by the petition and the requisite fee.

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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/742,171

Filing Date: 12/19/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR QUANTIFYING THE  
QUALITY OF PLACEMENT  
CONFIGURATIONS IN A  
PARTITIONED REGION OF AN  
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT  
LAYOUT

Examiner: Annette Thompson

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 5/21/04, attached please find:

1. An Amendment. (A copy of this Amendment was faxed on 8/30/04 without the requisite Petition for Extension of Time and Credit Card Payment Form.)
2. A Petition for Extension of Time;
3. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached.

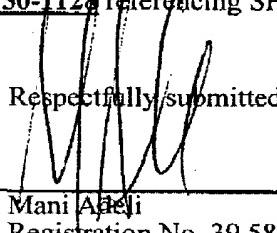
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AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 05/21/04 and as a follow-up to the personal interview conducted with the Examiner on 8/16/04. Applicants previously faxed a copy of this Amendment without the extension of time fee. To rectify this mistake, Applicants are resubmitting this Amendment with the appropriate fee. Please amend the patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Attny Docket: SPLX.P0017  
PTO Serial Number: 09/742,171

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